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New Ranger Chosen to Manage Bankhead National Forest

(Montgomery, Ala.) May 4 – U.S. Forest Service supervisor Miera C. Nagy announced the selection of Elrand Denson as the new district ranger for the Bankhead National Forest. Denson, a 19-year Forest Service veteran is responsible for guiding activities that will maintain and improve the overall forest health, goods and services of the Bankhead District.

A native southerner from Andalusia, Ala., Denson returns home to supervise the Bankhead District staff of 30 employees who work together to managed recreation, fire, special uses, wildlife, and timber programs on approximately 181,000 acres of public lands. He has held Forest Service positions as a district ranger, land forester, public affairs specialist and hydropower program manager in national forests located in Missouri, Wyoming, and Alabama.

“My new position is an opportunity to continue the great work on the Bankhead,” said Elrand Denson. “I will build on established relationships already in place and continue to move the district in a direction that embraces community involvement.”

A graduate of Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala., Denson earned a bachelor of science degree in forest management and marketing in 1993. He later received a master’s degree in natural resource management from George Mason University in Virginia.

During his Forest Service career, he has received national and regional recognition for Hurricane Katrina Recovery, Integrated Prescribed Fire Operations, and Diversity Accomplishments. He is the son of Otha and Ruby Bradley and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated.

(Photo enclosed of Elrand Denson - new district ranger for the Bankhead National Forest)